



## Michigan Supreme Court

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### MEMORANDUM

**Date:** February 15, 2017  
**To:** Circuit, District, and Municipal Court Judges  
**From:** Milton L. Mack, Jr.  
**RE:** Michigan Ability to Pay Bench Card

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A new [Ability to Pay](#) bench card is now available. The bench card, developed by staff from the Michigan Judicial Institute (MJI) and Trial Court Services, includes hyperlinks to all relevant authorities. (Note: To access the bench card, use your mouse to click on the “Ability to Pay” title above.)

This resource was developed to provide you with further guidance in the lawful collection of court-ordered financial obligations and the proper process for determining a defendant’s ability to pay.

A special thank you to the judges who reviewed and provided feedback on the resource: Honorable Louise Alderson, 54A District Court, Lansing; Honorable James Brady, 47th District Court, Farmington Hills; Honorable John Hallacy, 37th Circuit Court, Battle Creek; and Honorable Andrea Larkin, 54B District Court, East Lansing.

If you experience any difficulty accessing the bench card, please contact MJI at 517-373-7171.